

By: Representative Snowden

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 975

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM POPULATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES
3 AND FOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UPON WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 OFFICERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR CAMPUS MAY USE RADAR SPEED
5 DETECTION EQUIPMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS
6 OF ANY COUNTY TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON ANY
7 PUBLIC ROAD, STREET OR HIGHWAY THAT IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
8 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION
9 AND THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF A
10 MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 63-3-519. (1) It is unlawful for any person or peace
15 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
16 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
17 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
18 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

19 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
20 municipality having a population of five hundred (500) or more
21 upon the public streets of the municipality;

22 (b) By any college or university campus police force
23 within the confines of any campus wherein more than five hundred
24 (500) students are enrolled;

25 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
26 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
27 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
28 designated highways lying within the corporate limits; and

29 (d) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county
30 upon any public road, street or highway that (i) is under the
31 jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors for maintenance

32 and construction, and (ii) is located outside of the corporate
33 limits of a municipality.

34 The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up radar
35 on highways within municipalities with a population in excess of
36 fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal census.

37 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
38 and after July 1, 2006.